(c) The Govt. of Maharashtra have offered an alternative site at Bombay measuring about 100 acres for resettlement of the slum-dwellers. IAAI have deposited Rs. 1.00 crore for development of this land. IAAI have also taken up clearance operations at Bombay airport with the help of police and civic authorities from time to time. Similar clearance operations are also taken up a Delhi Airport. At Madras Airport, there are only three hutments and action has been initiated for their removal. At Calcutta Airport, the Government of West Bengal is yet to refer a scheme for clearance of the squatters.

Road Building as an Industry

2715. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have approved the project to recognise road building as an industry for facilitating the private sector in the country to enter into this activity; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Government has agreed in principle to treat construction, maintenance and development of roads as an industry.

Rules and Criteria for Appointment of Research Associates and Junior Fellows in the Banaras Hindu University

2716. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules and criteria under which Research Associates and Junior Fellows have been appointed in the Banaras Hindu University under various schemes, projects and Centres;

(b) whether it is a fact that these appointments have been made against the rules by improper selection committees;

(c) whether appointments in IRD, Centre for Nepal Study of State Government (Department of Political Science) have been made without constituting Selection Committees violating rules and guidelines prescribed for the purpose;

(d) whether such Research Associates are required to work in the agencies from 10.00 A.M. to 5 P.M.;

(e) whether Government are aware that these Research Associates take regular classes in Mahila Vidyalaya etc.; and

(f) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps have been taken to stop such irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) According to the information furnished by the Banaras Hindu University, appointments of Research Associates and Junior Research Fellows in the University have been made in accordance with the University Grants Commission guidelines on the subject.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) As per UGC guidelines, Research Associates are required to do whole-time research work. However, their services may be utilised for strengthening the teaching programmes in Universities/Institutions with the permission of the Head of the Department. Teaching work by Research Associates shall not exceed eight hours a week.

The University has assigned teaching classes, in Mahila Mahavidyalaya to Research Scholars in Accordance with the UGC guidelines. In a very few cases, they were also requested to take additional classes to facilitate coverage of courses on account of shortage of teachers.